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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

On behalf of the Mayor, the City Council and the employees of the City of Cambridge, I am pleased to present Cambridge newcomers, residents, workers and visitors with the Spring-Summer edition of *The Cambridge Life*. This biannual magazine includes special features on City departments and services and a helpful reference section.

We work very hard in Cambridge to provide high quality services to our residents and businesses. In fact, a biannual Citizens Opinion Survey conducted this past Fall indicated that satisfaction in municipal services had risen significantly since the last survey conducted in Fall 2002. Almost two-thirds of the participants gave the City positive ("excellent" or "good") job performance ratings. It is also significant to note that 89% of the participants marked Cambridge as good or excellent in the categories for "Overall Quality of Life" and "As a Place to Live." These latest results are a tribute to the good work of the City Council and the Administration.

I am especially pleased to announce that Cambridge has continued its rare and enviable status of earning three Triple A ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. These ratings were in conjunction with the City's sale of \$46.1 million in bonds in February. This is the highest rating that can be awarded to a city; only 12 other cities have achieved such an honor this year. In awarding us its superior rating, Fitch ratings noted: "The superior 'AAA' credit rating is based on Cambridge's diversified economy characterized by a sizable and stable employment base, a substantial and growing tax base, consistently strong fiscal performance, and a low debt burden."

Over the past couple of years, we have worked very hard to develop the City's Web site in a manner that is easy for users to navigate, conduct various online transactions and obtain timely City news and information. As part of our continuing community outreach efforts, this Spring we plan to launch *Cambridge E-Line*, a weekly e-mail newsletter and on-demand City information



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

service. Subscribers can tailor their newsletter to receive the types of information they are most interested in, including special announcements such as snow emergency parking ban declarations. To learn more, visit the City's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov.

We are very fortunate in Cambridge and I hope you will agree that it truly is a great place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager



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Cover photo: Rescue 1 in front of Fire Headquarters by Porter Gifford at PorterGifford.com. **This page, from top:** Ladder 2 fights the Nobrega Discount Fabric fire; Renovated Lowell School Park seating area; "Mistress Elizabeth" describes a colonial grave-stone; Summer in the City, produced by the Cambridge Arts Council

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THE CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A Family Tradition of Keeping You Safe

The Cambridge Fire Department's motto is *Our Family Helping Your Family*. But what many residents may not know is just how true that statement is. In fact, many of the City's firefighters hail from two or three generations of Cambridge firefighters. Lieutenant Brian Higgins is the first fourth generation firefighter in the department, as his great grandfather was also a Cambridge firefighter.

THE REAL DEAL - NOT AS SEEN ON TV

It seems that in the aftermath of September 11th and prime time TV shows like *Rescue Me* or movies such as *Ladder 49* and *Backdraft*, firefighters have been placed more in the limelight. In a recent interview with two Cambridge firefighters, we got a sneak peek at the real thing.

Kenny Souza, a third generation firefighter who works in the Rescue Company, has been with the department for 17 years. Although he has a friendly, outgoing personality, he doesn't like the way they depict some of the main characters in the movies. The main characters, he says, tend to be reckless, divorced, and have substance abuse problems. Kenny is married with four kids.

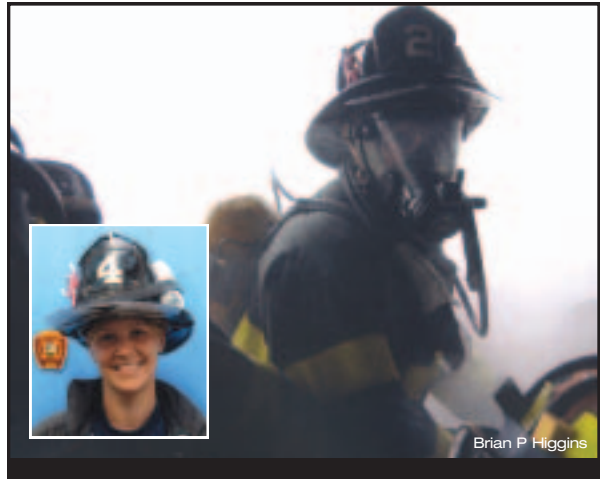
"I wouldn't want to work with someone like that," Souza said, referring to some of the characters portrayed in the movies. "They can be reckless and put others at risk. We [Cambridge firefighters] rely on each other. Our safety has to come first. If not, then we can become a part of the problem instead of a part the solution."

The life of a firefighter can be dangerous but we take every precaution, Souza says.

"It's crazy. You can't imagine the things we've seen and done that will stay with us forever," said Souza. "But the training that we do is significant to the success we have as a Fire Department. We are very fortunate [in Cambridge] to have the training opportunities that we do."

WOMEN ON BOARD

As a single mother of three, and one of five female firefighters in the department, Laura Prunty of Engine 4 has some interesting memories from her 10 years of service so far. Looking back, she recalls the barriers she had to break through and how the job turned out to be more mentally challenging than expected. When she came on board, there was only one other female in the department, but that was no problem for Prunty. She had already been through a military boot camp and knew she had to prove herself capable again – and she did.



"I think [having a female in the department] was more of an adjustment for the guys at the time than for me," she said. "My attitude may be different than other women. I don't take things too personally."

Prunty went on to share the same sleeping quarters and bathroom with the men. Though given the opportunity, she did not want to be treated differently.

"Now they treat me like one of the guys," Prunty says. "We have a lot of laughs and go through a lot of experiences with one another that I think are like nothing you experience in the outside world. We're a tight knit group, always looking out for one another."

FEELING SAFER IN CAMBRIDGE

Did you know that Cambridge is rated a Class 1 Fire Department by the ISO (Insurance Services Office) recognizing the highest level of fire protection? Of the more than 37,000 fire departments subject to ISO survey in this country, only 32 are rated as Class 1. In the six-state New England region, only two fire departments, Hartford, CT and Cambridge, MA, are rated as Class 1.

- Cambridge has one of only two (Boston is the other) dedicated Hazardous Material (HazMat) Teams in the state. Most other municipalities are served by one of six district teams in the state.
- Cambridge has one of about four fully certified Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) in the Commonwealth. Established in 1987, the Cambridge LEPC would coordinate a regional emergency response of area public safety agencies if needed.
- Cambridge is launching a new Advanced Life Support (ALS) program that will increase the level of emergency care delivered to its citizens. This includes hiring 19 additional paramedics and increasing ambulance service from two ambulances to as many as 11 during peak times.
- Cambridge has a dedicated Rescue Company with extensive training in specialized rescue, including confined space, dive rescue and recovery. ■

Photos (left to right, from opposite page): Cambridge Ladder 2 fights the Nobrega Discount Fabrics fire; Multiple generation firefighters: William J. Brathwaite, Jr., Edward P. Oliver, Galvin C. Murphy, Thomas G. Cauchon, and Kenneth W. Souza; Firefighter Laura Prunty; Cambridge firefighters in action; Captain Robert Blake, actors Denis Leary and Lenny Clarke of the TV Show *Rescue Me*, and Deputy Chief Edward Mahoney at the Leary Firefighters Foundation Fundraiser.



givingback

Volunteering in Cambridge



Diane Covert



“...helping science students, cooking meals for the homeless, working in an agency devoted to the elderly and more – [volunteering is] a way to give back to the community and have a good time doing it.” – A longtime CSVC volunteer

There are many rewards to volunteering in Cambridge. Volunteering can provide valuable career experience, furnish the opportunity for meeting new people, and deliver the rewarding feeling of giving back to the community. But the justifications for not volunteering can be equally numerous: people are short on time, they're not sure they'll have anything to offer, or they just don't know how to get started. Well, volunteer openings abound in Cambridge, so in an effort to remove at least the last of those hurdles, here are some terrific opportunities to help you toward the rewards of volunteering. Along the way, we hope you'll learn that it need not take much of your time and that everyone has something to offer.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

This independent non-profit organization acts as a clearing house for volunteering within the Cambridge Public School system. Cambridge School Volunteers (CSV) placed over 1,000 volunteers in the elementary schools and high school in the last academic year. Together they donated over 60,000 hours of tutoring, mentoring, and academic support – that's a contribution worth more than \$3 million!

CSV works with volunteers to match their skills and interests with needs at the elementary schools or at the high school. There are a host of interesting opportunities and a CSV representative will help find the right fit for you. Volunteers can choose to serve as individual tutors, classroom aides, library assistants, or special project leaders. One area always looking for additional helping hands is the Drop In Math Center.

Volunteers can commit to giving as little as one hour a week for one semester. No previous teaching experience is necessary, but volunteers are required to attend an Informational Orientation Session.

Their rewarding experiences bring many volunteers back year after year. As Martha Osler, the tireless Director of Volunteer Recruitment notes, “our volunteers get great satisfaction out of knowing that they've helped somebody succeed. They really feel good about what they've done.”

Teachers are extremely grateful for the impact the volunteers have in helping their students reach academic success. As one Cambridge Public School teacher explained, “our volunteer really makes a difference in the lives of children. Each year, I feel there are one or two children who succeed because she is there, by their sides, to help them understand the lesson and do the work!”

To learn more about opportunities with Cambridge School Volunteers, call 617-349-6794 or visit www.csvinc.org.

CAMBRIDGE SENIOR VOLUNTEER CLEARINGHOUSE

The name of this organization is happily a bit of a misnomer. As they proudly proclaim in a recent brochure, “We now serve volunteers of ALL AGES.” The Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse (CSVC) was originally conceived as a way to help community

service organizations understand that seniors have much to contribute, but very early on the dynamic Director, Carol Lieberman, decided not to turn away would-be volunteers based on their age. Today approximately 25% of the volunteers placed are not seniors.

Visitors to the CSVC meet directly with Lieberman, working with her to find just the right opportunity. During the consultation, volunteers can review a directory that showcases approximately 115 agencies to help find the perfect match for their skills and interests. Volunteers often find placements they otherwise might have missed, including opportunities to work with children, the homeless, health organizations, sports teams, and the elderly. Lieberman also counsels visitors to the CSVC, addressing concerns they may have, and even making an introductory phone call to break the ice when it is called for.

Visitors are grateful for the assistance and find their experiences well worth the effort. One longtime CSVC volunteer reports that “the many different kinds of volunteering I have done have certainly enriched my life.”

To learn more about the Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse, call 617-864-6688.

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

This division of the City’s Department of Human Service Programs helps adults improve their lives in many ways, and volunteers are an integral part of their programming. Volunteers at the Community

Learning Center (CLC) act as tutors or classroom aides, helping adults learn English as a second language, attain their High School diploma, prepare for GED exams, gain computer proficiency, and improve their reading, writing, and math skills. There are currently 37 volunteers working one-on-one with students.

Volunteer Coordinator Whit Hendon has worked with many volunteers, all of whom have made a difference in a student’s life. Hendon tells of one volunteer who worked with a student for three years, helping her to complete an English course. Armed with her new language skills, that student registered in an accounting course, possibly on her way to a new career, thanks in large part to the dedication of her tutor.

The CLC strives to make volunteering convenient. Opportunities are available to assist either day or evening students, and volunteer training sessions are scheduled on Saturday mornings.

To learn more about volunteering at the CLC, call 617-349-6366 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2 and click on “Community Learning Center” under the “Employment & Adult Education” section. ■

BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE

If you are still searching for the volunteer opportunity of your dreams, try one of these online resources to get you started.

Web-based resources that list volunteer opportunities

www.volunteersolutions.org

www.idealist.org

www.volunteermatch.org

Organizations that organize volunteer projects

www.bostoncares.org — Dedicated to making volunteering accessible to everyone, Boston Cares publishes a calendar listing over 100 volunteer opportunities each month.

www.pmd.org — People Making a Difference brings people together for one-time, hands-on community service projects helping local non-profit organizations.

Photos (left to right, from opposite page): A Cambridge School Volunteer works with a student; Volunteers from the Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse work together in the field; Community Learning Center volunteer coordinator Whit Hendon on the job; A Cambridge School Volunteer in action.



Diane Covert

MAPPING OUT CAMBRIDGE'S PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OPEN SPACES



Elizabeth Wilde



Photos (left to right): Two views of Fresh Pond Reservation; New play structure at Dana Park.

Did you know that despite the fact that over 100,000 people live within the 6.5 square miles that is Cambridge, we still strive to devote a substantial amount of area to open space?

FRESH POND

Our largest open space area, Fresh Pond Reservation, consists of a 155-acre kettle-hole lake and 162 acres of surrounding land that were formed from a glacier 15,000 years ago. The Pond is part of the reservoir system for the City of Cambridge and is a favorite place for many people who enjoy walking, running, cycling, and roller-blading on the 2 1/4 mile perimeter road. Bird watchers come to observe a variety of resident birds, migrating songbirds and waterfowl that pass through every year. Artists, nature lovers and students also treasure this green oasis in its urban setting. A Pedicab is even available on an “on-call” limited basis for Cambridge senior citizens. Reservations can be arranged through the Cambridge Senior Centers. For more information, contact Jean Rogers at 617-349-4793 or jrogers@cambridgema.gov.

DANEHY PARK

Cambridge's largest recreational area is Danehy Park, which also boasts somewhat of a Cinderella story as it was once a city dump. Utilizing advanced technology, Cambridge was the first community in the northeast to recycle a major landfill for recreational use in 1990. Today, resi-

dents enjoy walking, jogging, biking, nature study and a variety of sports, including soccer and softball on the 50 acres of Danehy Park.

DANA PARK

Dana Park in the Cambridgeport neighborhood re-opened in November 2004. New and improved park features include:

- An expanded Great Lawn, which remains the centerpiece of the park.
- A 90-foot full basketball court and two half courts with one of the backboards set at a lower height. There is additional hard surfaced play space for other activities (biking, skateboarding, hopscotch, 4 square, etc).
- Additional wheelchair accessible sitting areas, featuring game boards, glider benches and a shade trellis.
- A gated playground area with new play structures for both older and younger children and various waterplay features.
- The original art piece in the park has been retained and modified to include a water



Photos (left column): Updated tot lot and water feature at Donnelly Field; Donnelly Field; **(at right):** Renovated Lowell School Park seating area.

element as originally conceived. Additional artwork will be installed through the City's 1% for Arts Program.

LOWELL SCHOOL PARK

Lowell School Park in West Cambridge re-opened in October 2004. The renovated park features an open lawn area, a hard surface area with two basketball backstops, improved pedestrian and vehicular access, extensive plantings, new benches and park furniture, new fencing, a children's climbing structure and an artwork element with water. For more information on Dana or Lowell Parks, contact Taha Jennings at 617-349-4603 or tjennings@cambridgema.gov.

DONNELLY FIELD

Renovations to Donnelly Field in the Wellington-Harrington area were completed in Fall 2004 and include improvements to the Little League and softball fields, an updated tot lot with waterplay features, new turf with improved drainage, bleachers, lighting and other public amenities.

SQUIRREL BRAND PARK

Construction of a new park has been completed at the former Squirrel Brand factory site on the corner of Broadway and Boardman Streets in Area 4. The park includes new shading and fruit trees, a lawn area, benches, pathways and interactive sculptural elements adjacent to a reconfigured public community garden. Art in the park includes a trellis sculpture that supports a majestic 25-year old climbing rose with intertwining steel arches and a 6' tall steel sculpture of a squirrel commemorating the Squirrel Brand factory. For more information, contact the Conservation Commission at 617-349-4380. ■



MAPPING IT ALL OUT

There are actually some 89 parks, playgrounds and waterplay areas throughout the City of Cambridge. The Community Development Department has produced two maps to help provide Cambridge residents with information about the City's open space system.

The first, a map of *Public Parks, Playgrounds, and Reservations*, indicates where to find public open space facilities in Cambridge and includes a chart detailing what features can be found at each location, such as playgrounds, basketball courts, athletic fields, and community gardens. The second is a map of *Waterplay Locations*, with waterplay equipment, such as play sprinklers. Both maps are available at the Community Development Department's offices at 344 Broadway and at City Hall. They can also be downloaded from the *Parks and Open Space* page on the Community Development Department Web site, www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/cp/parks. For more information, or to request a map via mail, call the Community Planning office at 617-349-4651.

FIELD PERMITS

Field permits are required for use of any City of Cambridge athletic fields. Contact Kevin Clark at 617-349-6238. For non-athletic use of City fields, contact Annette Rodibaugh at 617-349-4846.

discovering historiccambridge on foot

Whether you're new to the City or are a long-time Cantabrigian, there is no better way to discover the breadth and depth of Cambridge history than to set out exploring on foot.

CAMBRIDGE DISCOVERY WALKS

Last 4th of July weekend they were 500 strong, pouring out through the streets of Cambridge. This was not a parade or demonstration, these were participants in the second annual Cambridge Discovery Walks, and they were out to learn about Cambridge's multi-faceted history.

The walks are the work of the Historic Cambridge Collaborative, who came together several years ago to look for a way to spread the word about Cambridge's dynamic past. The Collaborative has developed a tour to meet almost any historical interest.

Last year, Joan and Tim (tkcheck) Sawyer toured through the historic village of Newtowne, now Harvard Square, bringing to life tales of Revolutionary War traitors and exploring the fate of runaway slaves. Mary Leno of the Women's Commission led walkers through Central Square, focusing their attention on the struggles of women politicians and feminists in Cambridge. Under the guise of her alter-ego, the historical character Mistress Elizabeth, church historian Donna LaRue led a walk through the Old Cambridge Burying Ground, uncovering the stories of the scholars, soldiers, and their stones. And that is only a small sampling of the 23 walks that were on offer in 2004.

To learn which walks are being offered this summer and when they are scheduled, visit the Historical Commission's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov/~Historic and click on "new." The walks are typically held during the 4th of July weekend. They are free and open to the public.

WALKING TOUR: OLD CAMBRIDGE

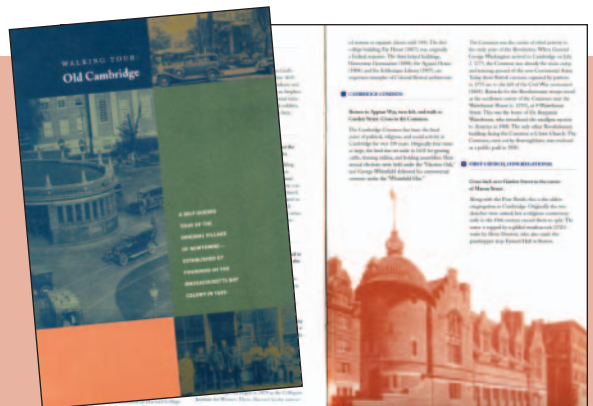
This self-guided tour will take you through the original village of Newtowne. Walking Tour: Old Cambridge follows historic markers that were placed by the Cambridge Historical Commission and is accompanied by a booklet produced by the Cambridge Office for Tourism. The booklet is available for \$2.50 at the information kiosk in Harvard Square. Translations into Spanish, Japanese, German, and French are available for an additional 50¢.

The tour takes approximately an hour and a half to complete, and will lead you past historic landmarks of the original village of Newtowne, established in 1630. The center of this village is present day Harvard Square. In fact, the original street plan of the square itself remains almost intact today, though the surrounding land use has changed quite a bit, as you will learn from the brochure.

The tour begins at the courthouse where in 1774, "patriots forced Judges Danforth and Lee to resign from the King's Mandamus Council." Later you will explore Cambridge Common, where "annual elections were held under the 'Election Oak.'" Further down the trail is the Hooper-Lee-Nichols House, one of the "Loyalist mansions that gave Brattle Street its nickname of Tory Row." Today the house is home to the Cambridge Historical Society and is open to the public. The trail will also lead you past the home of John Hicks who, according to family legend, took part in the Boston Tea Party. Offering 27 fascinating landmarks in all, this self-guided tour is not to be missed.



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Mistress Elizabeth tours the Old Cambridge Burying Ground; The accompanying booklet for Walking Tour: Old Cambridge.

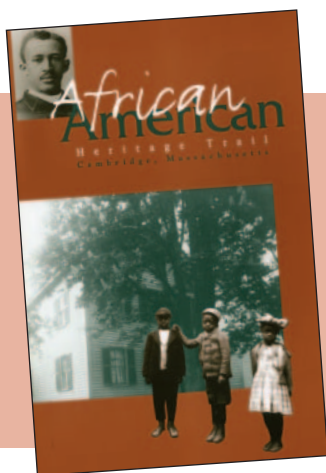
AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL

In 1990, Kenneth E. Reeves sponsored a City Council resolution asking local historical and community organizations to collaborate on “a vehicle for teaching and interpreting Cambridge African American History.” Thus was formed the Cambridge African American History Committee, and that vehicle became the African American Heritage Trail. The trail celebrates the remarkable achievements of the Cambridge African American community between 1840 and 1940.

The first trail marker was erected in 1993, and there are now 20 such markers distributed throughout the City of Cambridge. Please see the sidebar below to find out how to purchase an accompanying booklet showing the location of each marker on the trail.

According to Kathleen (Kit) Rawlins, Assistant Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission, African American families were integrated throughout the City of Cambridge during the period highlighted by the trail. Keep this in mind as you begin your self-guided tour because that high degree of integration is reflected in the wide distribution of the markers themselves. We suggest you refer to the booklet and choose one section of the trail to focus on per outing.

One itinerary you might choose would include visits to the markers of W.E.B. Du Bois, Franklin H. Wright, Patrick H. Raymond, and Charlotte Hawkins Brown.



The African American Heritage Trail booklet is available for \$3 at the Cambridge Historical Commission, located at 831 Massachusetts Avenue near City Hall. The booklet includes the text of all of the markers, a map indicating the location of each, and an overview of African American history in Cambridge.



Maria Baldwin and her marker on the African American Heritage Trail.

If you start at the marker for Civil Rights Leader W.E.B. Du Bois, you will learn that he received his master's degree at Harvard and later became the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from that University before going on to co-found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Continuing on your walk, you will learn about Franklin H. Wright's terms on the Cambridge City Council, Patrick H. Raymond's editorial leadership of the weekly *Cambridge Press* and his tenure as the first African American fire chief, and Charlotte Hawkins Brown's distinguished career as an educator, social worker, and religious leader.

Another grouping of markers might lead you to plan a tour through the lives of William Wells Brown, Lunsford Lane, Alberta V. Scott, and John J. Fatal. Begin this adventure with a visit to the onetime home of William Wells Brown, an escaped slave who is credited with assisting in the escapes of 69 other fugitive slaves and is possibly the first African American to have published a novel. This walk will also teach you about Lunsford Lane's successful careers in business and the anti-slavery movement, Alberta V. Scott's graduation from Radcliffe College, and John J. Fatal's struggle to end segregation in Boston public schools and his nomination to the Cambridge Common Council.

A visit to the trail marker commemorating the achievements of Maria Baldwin will also prove well worth your time. Baldwin was instrumental in changing the face of Cambridge public schools. As headmaster of the Agassiz School, she instituted the Parents and Teachers Association and invited scientists and professors into her classrooms.

There are 11 other markers on the trail, each worthy of a visit and each commemorating a remarkable individual whose contribution to the City of Cambridge will not be overlooked so long as the African American Heritage Trail bears testament to their achievements.

SUMMER IN THE CITY

**Where to go and what to see
in Cambridge this Summer**

Each year, spring and summer mark the return of a variety of popular events in Cambridge. While it is impossible to capture the many community happenings in this limited space, we'd like to highlight a few of the larger City-sponsored events and offer a sampling of traditional street fairs and festivals in Cambridge. For a more complete listing, visit the Cambridge Office for Tourism Web site at www.cambridge-usa.org.

RETURN OF THE RIVER FESTIVAL (JUNE 18)

Mark your calendars...the 26th Cambridge River Festival will take place on Saturday, June 18, from Noon to 6 p.m. An annual celebration of the arts that takes over Memorial Drive and the riverbank, the festival is a local tradition that highlights music, art-making activities, roving performers, food and crafts. The festival has always been a community building event, showcasing aspects of the cultural life that makes this area a desirable place to live and work. The Cambridge River Festival is the Cambridge Arts Council's largest event, one that relies squarely on community commitment and generosity. Volunteers are always needed, both for the day of the event and during the weeks of preparation. For more information, call 617-349-4380 or visit www.cambridgeartscouncil.org.



Richard Pasley

River Festival

MAYFAIR IN HARVARD SQUARE (MAY 1)

This annual festival celebrates the spring and the eclectic atmosphere of Harvard Square. The event features over 200 local merchants and vendors of crafts, jewelry, clothing, and other gifts from around the

world, along with a variety of ethnic cuisine, activities and live entertainment for children and adults. For more information, call 617-491-3434 or visit www.harvardsquare.com.



Courtesy of Cambridge Arts Council

Summer in the City

SUMMER IN THE CITY (JULY/AUGUST)

This annual event brings culture, dance, music, and theater to public spaces throughout Cambridge in July and August. This is the 14th year for this popular series produced by the Cambridge Arts Council. While it is geared to children ages 4 to 11, the talented roster of artists will entertain people of all ages. For more information, call 617-349-4380 or visit www.cambridgeartscouncil.org.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (JUNE)

Hong Kong dragon boats are slim, teakwood racers decorated in brilliant Chinese colors, with a hand-painted dragon's head at the bow and a flashy tail at the stern. Each boat holds a crew of 18, a steersperson and a drummer whose beat sets the pace for the crew. Held in 1979, the first US Dragon Boat Festival was used as a vehicle to promote Asian culture

and a chance to bring together diverse communities from Boston and surrounding areas. Visit www.bostondragonboat.org or call 617-426-6500 for more information.



City of Cambridge Dance Party

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DANCE PARTY (JULY 8*)

The City of Cambridge cordially invites you to its annual Dance Party in front of City Hall on Friday, July 8 from 7-11 p.m. Enjoy dancing in the street as Massachusetts Avenue will be closed to traffic between Inman and Bigelow Streets—the heart of Central Square. It is a once a year opportunity for the entire Cambridge community to celebrate summer with an evening full of music and friends, dancing to the tunes of DJ Joey Demers. After dark, spectacular lights will be launched, adding to the magic of the evening. The evening is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Maryellen Carvello at 617-349-4301.

* Date was tentative at press time.

TASTE OF CAMBRIDGE (JULY)

The annual Taste of Cambridge features food, beer and wine samplings from the city's most popular chefs, restaurants and breweries. At press time, the July date had not been finalized, but event organizers were considering either

Thursday, July 21 or 28. The event is expected to be held in Technology Square again, at the corner of Main and Albany Streets. More complete information, including ticket purchase options, will be posted once finalized at www.tasteofcambridge.com.

CAMBRIDGE CARNIVAL INTERNATIONAL (AUGUST - DATE TBA)

Mass. Avenue in Central Square shuts down to celebrate customs from around the globe at the Cambridge Carnival International. The Carnival, characterized by elaborate costumes, live Caribbean and South American music, ethnic foods and authentic arts and crafts, is a multi-day celebration. The event ends with a Caribbean/Mardi Gras style costume parade that celebrates the culture of countries including Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, Honduras, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and Barbados. Visit www.cambridgecarnival.com or call 617-492-2518 for more information. ■



DESTINATION CAMBRIDGE 2005

During the Democratic National Convention in July 2004, the City of Cambridge organized a series of events to showcase Cambridge and to remind residents of all that we have to offer. Events included an Arts Festival, a Taste of Cambridge, the City Dance Party, historic walking tours, a Salsa Concert, the Central Square World's Fair and Music Festival, educational symposia, and a community parade. The series of events were promoted under the umbrella theme *Destination Cambridge...the Unconventional City*. This series was such a hit that City officials are considering a similar celebration in 2005. Stay tuned for more information and visit the City's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov. "There's something happening here."

REFERENCE & RESOURCES

SETTLING IN

FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

- ▶ **County** The City of Cambridge is in Middlesex County.
- ▶ **Driver's License/Vehicle Registration** Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, 866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv
- ▶ **Excise Tax (automobile tax)** Bills are issued annually. Call the Finance Dept. 617-349-4220. To pay online: www.cambridgema.gov
- ▶ **Libraries** Call 617-349-4040 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/~CPL
- ▶ **Moving Van Permits** Call 617-349-4700 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic
- ▶ **Municipal Channel (City TV-8)** For calendar information, community programs, and City Council meetings on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Postal Service** Call 800-275-8777 or visit www.usps.com
- ▶ **Pet Registration** Dogs must be registered with the Cambridge Animal Commission. Call 617-349-4376 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html
- ▶ **Public Transportation** Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), 800-392-6100 or visit www.mbtta.com. The Red and Green Lines of the Subway (known as the T) and numerous buses serve Cambridge.
- ▶ **Real Estate Tax** Bills are issued twice annually. Call the Finance Dept. 617-349-4220.
- ▶ **Recreation, Families, Youth Centers, Seniors, Adult Education** The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 22.
- ▶ **Recycling/Trash Pick-up** Cambridge has a mandatory recycling ordinance. See page 19.
- ▶ **Resident Parking Permits** Permits are required for on-street parking in posted residential neighborhoods. See page 19.
- ▶ **School Information and Registration** See page 25.
- ▶ **School Closings and Information** Call the CPS Link Line for recorded information, 617-349-6513.
- ▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban** When the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets as indicated by signs. See page 19.
- ▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance** Property owners are required to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks next to their home or business within a limited number of hours once snow stops falling. See page 19.
- ▶ **Street Cleaning** Streets are cleaned once a month. During designated street cleaning days, from April through December, cars must be moved or they will be ticketed and towed. See page 19.
- ▶ **Voter Registration** Call the Cambridge Election Commission, 617-349-4361 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/~Election. See page 21.

UTILITIES

- ▶ **Electricity/Gas**
NSTAR 800-592-2000 TTY 800-322-8242
www.nstaronline.com **Dig Safe** 888-344-7233
Provides electric and gas service in Cambridge.
 - ▶ **Telephone** The area code for Cambridge is 617. It is necessary to dial the area code plus the number for all calls, local or long distance. For long distance calls, dial 1 plus the area code and phone number.
Local and Long Distance Service
Call each vendor for details.
AT&T 800-501-3045 www.att.com
Comcast 888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com
Verizon 800-870-9999 www.verizon.com
 - ▶ **Internet Access** For AT&T dial-up or DSL service, call 800-967-5363. For cable internet access, call Comcast at 888-COMCAST. For Verizon DSL Internet Services, call 877-483-5898.
 - ▶ **Water/Sewer** 617-349-4770
www.cambridgema.gov/~water
The City of Cambridge owns and operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Visit the Web site to pay online.
 - ▶ **Cable Television**
Comcast
888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com
Offers analog or digital cable television, high-speed internet access, and local and long distance digital telephone services.
- Check out the City's Web site for more resources and helpful information.
www.cambridgema.gov

► **Important Numbers**

Emergency: Police, Fire and Ambulance 911
 Police (non-emergency) 617-349-3300
 Fire (non-emergency) 617-349-4900
 Public Health Dept. 617-665-3800
 Public Schools 617-349-6400
 Public Works 617-349-4800

► **Cambridge City Hall**

795 Massachusetts Avenue,
 Cambridge, MA 02139*
 617-349-4000 TTY 617-349-4242**
www.cambridgema.gov

* Address for all departments in City Hall

**TTY number for all departments in City Hall
 Mon., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Tues. - Thurs., 8:30 a.m. -
 5 p.m., Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

► **City Manager's Office**

617-349-4300
www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager.cfm
 Robert W. Healy, City Manager
 Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Mgr.
 The City Manager is appointed by the City
 Council as the City's Chief Executive Officer.
 E-mail: citymanager@cambridgema.gov

► **City Council Office**

617-349-4280
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/ccouncil.cfm
 The City Council is the City's elected legisla-
 ture. City Council meetings are held Mondays
 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber of City
 Hall. Meetings are broadcast live on City TV-8.
 E-mail: council@cambridgema.gov

► **Mayor's Office**

617-349-4321
www.cambridgema.gov/mayor.cfm
 Michael A. Sullivan, Mayor
 The Mayor chairs City Council and School
 Committee meetings and serves as the City's
 political leader. E-mail: mayor@cambridgema.gov

► **City Information Lines**

Graffiti Hotline 617-349-6955
 Parks and Urban Forestry 617-349-6434
 Public Construction Updates 617-349-4863
 Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repairs 617-349-4854
 Recycling 617-349-4005
 Rodent Control 617-349-4899
 School Closings/Information Line 617-349-6513
 Snow Emergency Parking Bans 617-349-4700
 Snow Hotline (unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903

► **City Departments**

Affirmative Action 617-349-4331
 Animal Commission 617-349-4376
 Arts Council 617-349-4380
 Assessing 617-349-4343
 Auditing 617-349-4240
 Budget 617-349-4270
 Cable TV 617-349-4296
 City Clerk 617-349-4260
 City Council Office 617-349-4280
 City Manager's Office 617-349-4300
 Community Development 617-349-4600
 Commission for Persons With Disabilities 617-349-4692

TTY 617-492-0235

Conservation Commission 617-492-0235
 Consumers' Council 617-349-4680
 Election Commission 617-349-6150
 Electrical 617-349-4361
 Emergency Communications 617-349-4925
 Emergency Management 617-349-6911
 Finance 617-349-4842
 Fire (non-emergency) 617-349-4220
 Health Department 617-349-4900
 Historical Commission 617-665-3800
 Human Rights Commission 617-349-4683
 Human Services 617-349-4396
 Inspectional Services 617-349-6200
 Law 617-349-6100
 Library 617-349-4121
 License Commission 617-349-4040
 Management Info. Systems (MIS) 617-349-4040
 Mayor's Office 617-349-4140
 Peace Commission 617-349-4321
 Personnel 617-349-4694
 Police (non-emergency) 617-349-4332
 Police Review & Advisory Board 617-349-3300
 Public Works 617-349-4396
 Purchasing 617-349-4800
 Schools 617-349-4310
 Traffic, Parking and Transportation 617-349-6400
 Veterans' Services 617-349-4700
 Water 617-349-4761
 Weights & Measures 617-349-4770
 Women's Commission 617-349-6133
 617-349-4697

► **Other Helpful Numbers**

Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020
 Massachusetts Department of Conservation
 and Recreation (formerly the MDC) 617-626-1250
 Middlesex County Courthouse 617-494-4000



► **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)**
800-392-6100, 617-222-3200
www.mbta.com

► **Bus Routes** 617-222-3200
Local routes are just 90¢, but a few “zoned local” routes and longer bus rides cost more. For schedules and PDFs of bus routes serving Cambridge, go to: www.cambridgema.gov/~cdd/envirotrans/MBTA/bus-schedule.html

► **Subway (the “T”)** 617-222-3200
www.mbta.com/subway
Cambridge is served by the red and green lines. Cambridge stations are: Alewife, Porter, Harvard, Central, and Kendall on the red line, and Lechmere on the green line. With some exceptions, most rides are \$1.25.

► T Passes

For information on passes and fares for the subway, bus, commuter rail, and boat go to www.mbta.com/traveling_t/passes_index.asp Passes can be purchased at 12 locations in Cambridge, including the Alewife, Harvard Square, and Lechmere stations. All locations accept cash only, except Harvard Square, which also accepts Visa and Mastercard. Visit www.mbta.com/traveling_t/passes_typespassesfares.asp for a complete listing of sales locations.

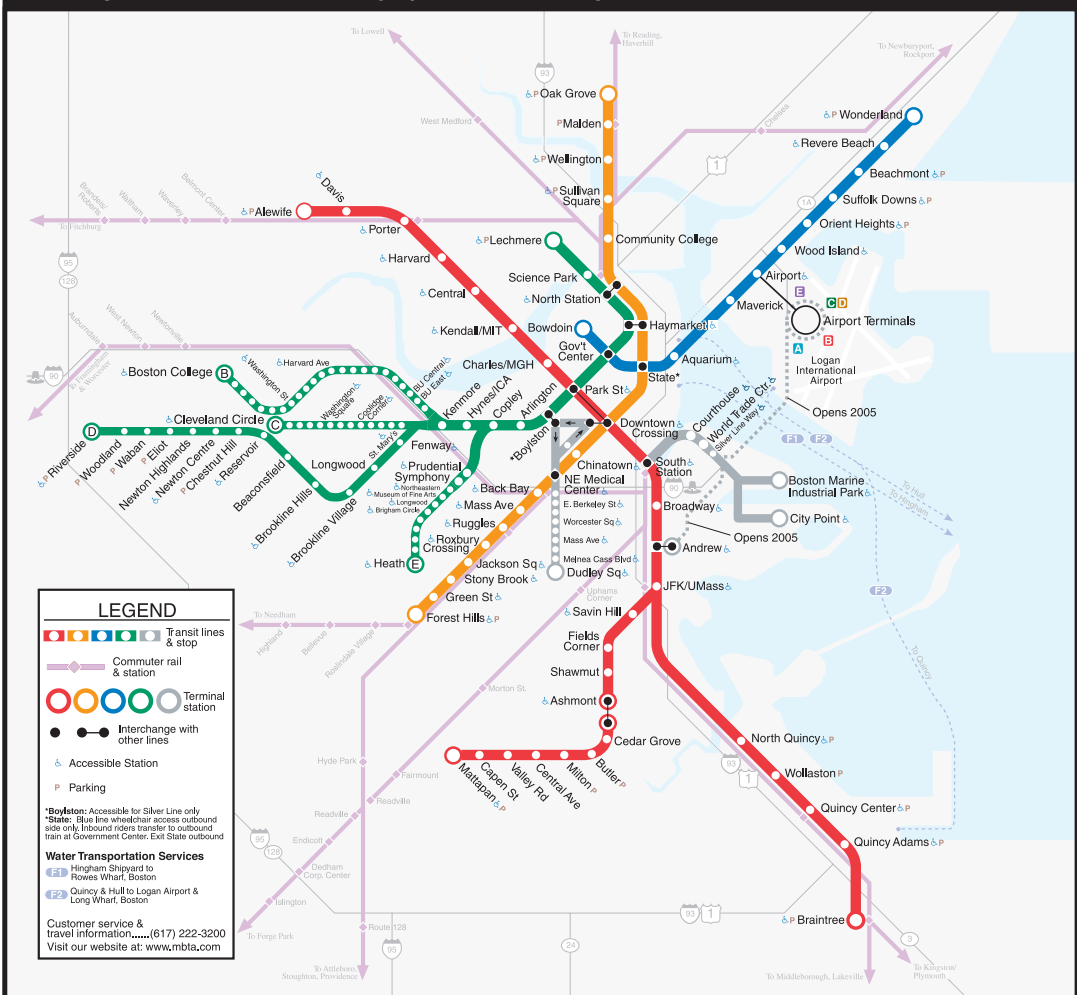
► Commuter Rail 617-222-3200

Beginning at North Station, the Fitchburg Line connects Porter Square with stops including Belmont, Concord, and Ayer, ending in Fitchburg.

► Cambridge-North Station EZRide Shuttle

617-8EZ-Info www.EZRide.info
A service of the Charles River Transportation Management Association (CRTMA). EZRide connects with the MBTA at North Station, Lechmere, and Kendall Square, and with several Cambridge destinations such as the Galleria and University Park. It operates every 12 minutes during peak hours, Monday-Friday, except holidays. The fare is \$1.00.

Subway & Commuter Rail Map, printed courtesy of the MBTA



Once you have established residency in Cambridge, you must obtain a Massachusetts driver's license to retain driving privileges. If you currently carry a valid license from another state, a U.S. territory, Canada, or Mexico, you may be eligible to submit your license for conversion. If you have moved to Cambridge from elsewhere within the state of Massachusetts, you must notify the Registry of your address change within 30 days of your move, in writing, on the RMV Web site, or by calling the RMV.

► **Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles**
1-866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv

► **Closest Full Service Branches**

Boston RMV	Watertown RMV
630 Washington Street	550 Arsenal Street
Boston, MA	Watertown, MA

Services provided: all license, registration & title transactions, license plate returns, learner's permit testing, and road tests.

Monday - Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Payment accepted: Cash, Check, Money Order
(MasterCard, Visa and Discover accepted only for license transactions)

Wait times: Call 866-627-7768 to hear approximate wait times at local branch offices.

► **Out-of-State License Conversions**

A typical out-of-state conversion costs \$90.00. Visit www.state.ma.us/rmv/fees/index.htm for a detailed fee schedule. You must bring the following identification with you:

- Social Security Card or valid US Passport **PLUS** 3 additional forms of ID, including at least one from the primary list
- Current photo ID from the Primary Document list (below)
- Proof of MA residency from the Secondary Document list (below)

Primary Documents (This is a partial list. If you do not possess one of the items listed here, see www.state.ma.us/rmv/license/3id.htm for a complete list.)

1. U.S. or non-U.S. passport with photograph and signature
2. License issued by another state with photograph, applicant's signature, and date of birth
3. Certain U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) documents and other U.S. Government immigration documents
4. U.S. military, U.S. Coast Guard, or Merchant Mariner ID with photograph, signature, and date of birth
5. Original birth certificate issued in the United States or a certified copy

Secondary Documents (This is a partial list. If you do not possess one of the items listed here, see www.state.ma.us/rmv/license/3id.htm for a complete list.)

1. A utility bill (no more than 60 days old) or a property tax or excise tax bill for the current or immediate prior year that contains the applicant's name and address
2. Home mortgage, lease, or loan papers with your name and signature
3. A bank statement or checkbook with the applicant's name and address that has been open for six months
4. Current or expired ID (not expired more than 1 year) with photograph

and applicant's signature, issued by a U.S. agency, the District of Columbia, a state, or territory of the United States

5. Tuition bill, student loan coupons, or school transcript with applicant's name and address

► **Registering Your Vehicle**

You must register your vehicle in Massachusetts as soon as you become a Massachusetts resident. There is no grace period. (For a full description of the registration process, visit www.state.ma.us/rmv/regs/index.htm).

1. First, obtain an active insurance policy from a licensed MA insurance agent and an RMV-1 form. Have the agent complete, stamp, and sign the RMV-1. If you have a car loan, you will be required to surrender your out-of-state registration rather than your title, and your RMV-1 must list the lienholder information as well as the title number.
2. Verify the information on the RMV-1 and sign it.
3. If your vehicle is exempt from MA sales tax, fill out an Affidavit in Support for Exemption from Sales or Use Tax (MVU-29).
4. Take these documents to a full-service RMV office to get a registration certificate, new plates, and a year of expiration decal. The title will be processed and mailed to you (or if you have a loan, the title will be mailed directly to the lienholder).
5. You may be required to pay a 5% sales tax, and a registration and title fee if applicable.

► **Vehicle Inspection**

Within **seven days** of registering your vehicle, it must undergo a safety and emissions inspection. If it passes the inspection, you will receive a sticker that is valid for one year.

To find an inspection station in your area, check the yellow pages, call the hotline at 1-877-387-8234, or visit the Enhanced Emissions and Safety Test Web site at www.vehicletest.state.ma.us



- ▶ **Cambridge Business Development Center**
617-349-4690 www.cbdc.org
- ▶ **Cambridge Chamber of Commerce** 617-876-4100
www.cambridgechamber.org
- ▶ **Central Square Business Association**
617-864-3211
www.centralsquarecambridge.com
- ▶ **Harvard Square Business Association**
617-491-3434 www.harvardsquare.com
- ▶ **Economic Development Division**
617-349-4637 www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/ed
Offers assistance, information and resources for businesses, promotes an environment for business growth and helps maintain thriving commercial districts. Programs include business counseling, façade improvement, retail best practices, site search, and production of a development log.
- ▶ **Office of Workforce Development**
617-349-4918 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/owd.cfm
Builds partnerships between schools, community organizations and businesses to expand employment and training opportunities for Cambridge residents.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, PERMITS & TAXES

- ▶ **Animal Commission** 617-349-4376
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html
Dogs must be registered with the Cambridge Animal Commission, which is also responsible for dog licenses, rabies vaccination, and stray animals. For emergencies, call 617-349-3300.
- ▶ **Assessing Department**
617-349-4343
www.cambridgema.gov/~Assessor
Manages commercial and residential property values, residential exemptions, tax relief programs, address changes, and the Property Database.
- ▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380
Issues street performer's permits.
- ▶ **City Clerk's Office**
617-349-4260
www.cambridgema.gov/~CityClrk
The City Clerk is the City's official record keeper. The following certificates can be obtained through the City Clerk's Office: Birth, Death, Marriage, and Business Certificates.
- ▶ **City Scholarship Fund**
617-349-4220
Provides financial assistance to Cambridge residents wishing to pursue post secondary education. Each year, the City awards 20-30 scholarships of approximately \$2,500 each, supported by donations from Cambridge residents and businesses.
- ▶ **Conservation Commission**
617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/~CCC
Issues Wetlands Protection Act Permits.
- ▶ **Finance Department**
617-349-4220 www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.html
Responsible for billing and collecting real and personal property taxes, water & sewer charges, and motor vehicle excise taxes. The department also issues municipal lien certificates.
- ▶ **Fire Department** 617-349-4918
Permits for smoke detectors, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.
- ▶ **Health Department** 617-665-3800 The health department regulates recombinant DNA research, massage therapists, body art practitioners and establishments, indoor ice rinks, and tanning salons. It also oversees the care and use of laboratory research animals.
- ▶ **Historical Commission** 617-349-4684
Renovation/demolition of historic buildings.
- ▶ **Inspectional Services**
617-349-6100 www.cambridgema.gov/~Inspect
Administers state building codes; building, demolition, asbestos removal and sign permits; electrical, gas, plumbing, and sprinkler permits; certificates of occupancy/inspection; curb cut applications; sanitary code inspections; permitting for restaurants/day camps/pools/tobacco sale; enforcement of the zoning ordinance and administration of the Board of Zoning Appeal. Call for violations of State Sanitary code in housing units and for construction-related noise complaints.
- ▶ **License Commission**
617-349-6140 www.cambridgema.gov/~License
Administers licenses and enforces regulations governing: alcohol, antique stores, auctions, festivals, garage and gasoline, hackney, innholder, jitney, livery/limousine, lodging, open air parking, package goods, palm readers, peddlers/vendors, and restaurants. Call the Commission for repetitive noise complaints.
- ▶ **Police Department** 617-349-3328
Permits to carry firearms.
- ▶ **Public Works** 617-349-4846
Permits for special events, reserving a park for non-athletic use, sidewalk obstruction, excavation, and newsrack vendors.
- ▶ **Recreation Division** 617-349-6238
Reserving a field for athletic use.
- ▶ **Traffic, Parking & Transportation** 617-349-4721
Permits for street obstruction, moving vans, dumpsters, contractor parking, and street closures.

► **Department of Public Works**

147 Hampshire Street 617-349-4800
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
 Cambridge Cemetery 617-349-4890
 Engineering 617-349-4845
 Service Requests 617-349-4846
 Sewer Maintenance 617-349-6426
 Street Maintenance 617-349-4851

► **Street Cleaning 617-349-4847**

On designated street cleaning days, once a month from April through December, cars must be moved for street cleaning or they will be ticketed and towed. Check neighborhood signs for schedules and times, or visit the Web site and click on Services > Street Cleaning.

► **Trash Collection 617-349-4849**

The DPW's Sanitation Division provides weekly curbside pickup of solid waste and pre-arranged pick-up of white goods (large appliances). Hazardous waste drop-off is held three times per year. (Next dates: April 23 and June 25, 2005). For a trash collection schedule, visit the Web site and click on Services > Rubbish Disposal.

► **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4866**

The City has a mandatory recycling ordinance requiring residents, businesses and institutions to recycle. Recycling containers and weekly curbside pick-up (on the same day that trash is collected) are provided free. For a list of how and what to recycle, call 617-349-4005, then dial 1 twice for a recorded description in English, or visit the Web site and click on Services > Recycling.

► **Drop-Off Center Recycling**

147 Hampshire Street
 Tuesday & Thursday, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Accepts a range of materials not picked up at curbside. For a list of accepted materials, visit the Web site and select Recycling > Recycling Home > Drop-Off Center, or call 617-349-4879.

► **Yard Waste Recycling**

Separate yard waste is only collected from April through December. Please call for exact dates

► **Snow Removal Ordinance**

Property owners are required to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks next to their property within 12 hours after snow stops falling in the daytime and before 1 p.m. if it has fallen during the night. Treat ice with an ice melting substance within six hours of the time it forms. For exemptions to elderly and disabled residents (who meet eligibility requirements) call 617-349-6220.

► **Permits 617-349-4846**

DPW administers permits for special events, filming or photographing on City property, reserving a park for non-athletic use, sidewalk obstruction, excavation, and newsrack vendors.

TRAFFIC PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

► **Traffic Parking & Transportation Department**

344 Broadway 617-349-4700
www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic

For information on resident and disability parking, parking tickets, off-street parking, moving vans, street signs, traffic signals, and more.

► **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits**

Resident permits are required to park on residential streets. Your vehicle must be principally garaged in Cambridge and you must have proof of your residency (a utility bill dated within the last 30 days, indicating your Cambridge residence and in the same name as the vehicle registration). Visitor passes are also available and restricted to one per household. Visitors to a residential household should use the visitor pass.

► **Parking Ticket Payments/Disputes**

Tickets can be paid online at www.cambridgema.gov/traffic; by phone at 617-491-7277; by mail at P.O. Box 399113, Cambridge, MA 02139; and in person at 344 Broadway, Cambridge. To dispute a ticket, provide a written request that includes the ticket number, registration number, name and address, the reason for the dispute and a daytime phone number or e-mail address. You will be notified of your hearing date by mail.

► **Snow Emergency Parking Ban**

When a snow emergency is declared, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets. Check posted signage carefully. To find out if a ban is in effect, visit www.cambridgema.gov, call 617-349-4700, or check City TV-8. Several garages provide limited free parking during a declared snow emergency (more info on the Web site).

► **Moving Van Permits**

Residents can reserve a space in front of their buildings for moving vans. A permit application, indicating the date, time, and truck footage of the moving van must be submitted 4 days prior to the move date. Call the Traffic Parking & Transportation Department or visit them online to obtain an application.

► **Assorted Permits 617-349-4721**

The Traffic Parking & Transportation Department issues permits for: block parties, street obstruction, moving vans, dumpsters, and contractor parking.

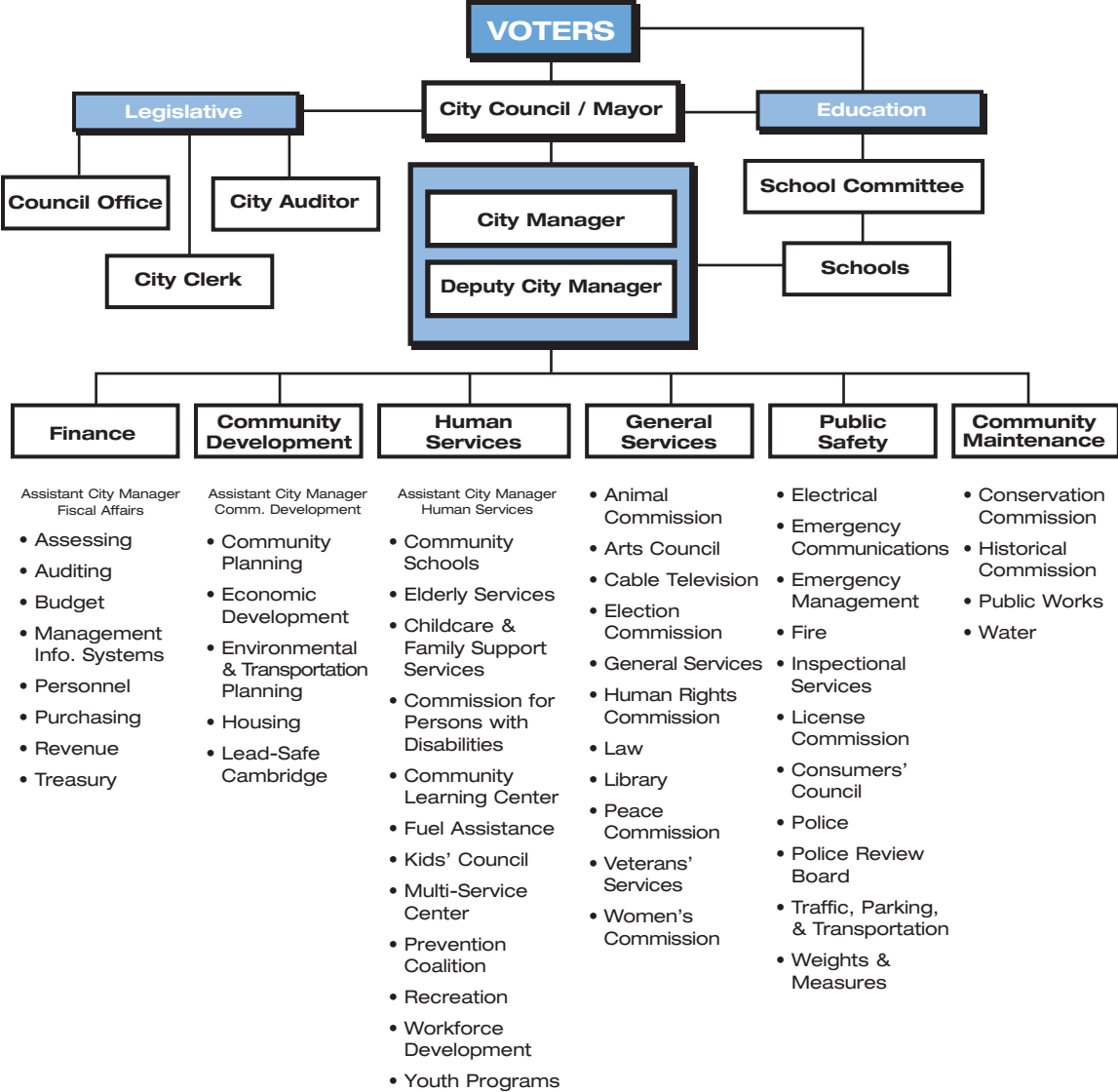
► **Towed Vehicles 617-349-3300**

If your car has been towed, call the Cambridge Police at the number listed above.

► **Signed Disability Parking Space**

If you have a handicapped plate or placard, you may file an application for a handicapped space. Requirements are stated on the application, which is available on the Traffic Parking & Transportation Web site or at the department.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



VOTING

► Cambridge Election Commission

51 Inman Street, 1st Floor 617-349-4361
www.cambridgema.gov/~Election

► Voter Registration

Call or visit the Cambridge Election Commission for registration, polling locations, and absentee ballots. Alternatively, you can now register to vote when you make a transaction at a Registry of Motor Vehicles branch or License Express location. You must be a U.S. citizen, a Cambridge resident, and at least 18 years old by election day to register. Mail-in forms are available at all Cambridge post offices, public libraries, schools, firehouses, and at the City Clerk's office.

► 2005 Elections

Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. The deadline to register to vote is Wednesday, October 19, 2005.



CAMBRIDGE POLITICAL SYSTEM

► Cambridge Political System Plan E Form of Government and Proportional Representation

The City of Cambridge is governed by the Plan E form of Government. Nine City Councillors and six School Committee members are elected at large every two years under the Proportional Representation (PR) system, which allows voters to vote for as many candidates as they wish, but they must indicate their order of preference among those candidates by numbering each choice. Once elected, the City Council then elects a Mayor and a Vice Mayor. The Mayor chairs the City Council and School Committee and serves as the City's political leader. The City Council appoints a City Manager to serve as the City's Chief Executive Officer.

For more information on voting and the election process, call the Cambridge Election Commission at 617-349-4361 or visit their Web site, www.cambridgema.gov/~Election.



HUMAN SERVICES

▶ **Dept. of Human Service Programs (DHSP)**

51 Inman Street 617-349-6200

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

Provides a wide range of services that enhance the quality of life of Cambridge residents.

▶ **Children, Youth & Families**

Assists with: advocacy/policy, afterschool programs, community schools, family events, literacy, support and classes, preschool childcare, resources for elderly relatives, seasonal youth programs, and youth centers, employment, service programs, teams and organizations.

Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6200

Center for Families of North Cambridge 617-349-6385

Child-Care and Family Support Services 617-349-6200

Community Schools 617-349-6200

Kids' Council 617-349-6239

Youth and Teen Programs 617-349-6200

▶ **Employment & Adult Education**

Provides assistance with adult basic education, career counseling, job searches, high school diploma/GED and college preparation programs, computer skills, job opportunities in the City, opportunities for employers, English for speakers of other languages, volunteer opportunities, and youth employment (including the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program).

Cambridge Employment Program 617-349-6166

Community Learning Center 617-349-6363

Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

Provides services to homeless and near homeless families and individuals, including food programs, housing search assistance, mental health and substance abuse counseling, counseling and advocacy for elders and persons with disabilities, and services to the Haitian population. The Fuel Assistance Program administers fuel assistance – a seasonal, needs-based program providing winter heating assistance to residents.

Fuel Assistance Program 617-349-6252

Multi-Service Center for the Homeless 617-349-6340

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

Provides information on disability issues to Cambridge residents, employers, City departments, businesses and non-profits. CPD promotes equal opportunity for people with all types of disabilities (physical, mental and sensory), ensures compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and issues temporary disability parking permits and taxi discount coupons.

CPD

617-349-4692

TTY

617-492-0235

▶ **Seniors**

Services for seniors include: support services, classes, social services, meal programs, food pantry, transportation services, home based services, volunteer opportunities, taxi coupons, and other discounts.

Citywide Senior Center 617-349-6060

Council on Aging / Senior Services

617-349-6220

North Cambridge Senior Center

617-349-6320

▶ **Recreation and Enrichment**

Administers adult leagues and youth teams, classes, exercise programs, indoor and outdoor recreation sites, races, competitions, seasonal programs for youth, and special needs recreation.

Recreation 617-349-6200

▶ **www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org 617-349-6966**

An online guide to health and human service resources, including 26 different service areas such as legal services, family support, employment services, and immigration services.

RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

▶ **Affirmative Action Office** 617-349-4331

Works to increase the City's employment of minorities and women in proportion to their representation in the City's labor market.

▶ **Consumers' Council** 617-349-6150

www.cambridgema.gov/consumer

For information on consumer rights and assistance in resolution of the full range of consumer disputes, from auto sales, home repair, and debt collection, to landlord/tenant issues.

▶ **Human Rights Commission** 617-349-4396

Investigates and resolves – by mediation or adjudication – complaints of discrimination that occur in Cambridge, in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations.

▶ **Personnel Department** 617-349-4332

City job openings are posted in City Hall, in Libraries, and on the Web site. Cambridge is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.

▶ **Peace Commission** 617-349-4694

www.cambridgema.gov/dept/peace.html

Promotes peacemaking within Cambridge at the personal, neighborhood, and citywide level.

▶ **Police Review & Advisory Board**

617-349-4396

Hears and decides citizen complaints of misconduct filed against Cambridge Police Officers.

▶ **Women's Commission**

617-349-4697

www.cambridgema.gov/~Women

Resources and assistance for women and girls.

▶ **Veterans' Services Department**

617-349-4761

www.cambridgema.gov/~Veterans

Services for veterans and/or their dependents.

► **Community Development Department (CDD)**

344 Broadway 617-349-4600
www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD

The mission of the Community Development Department is to enhance the physical environment and quality of life for Cambridge's highly diverse population. This is accomplished by planning and managing physical change and encouraging economic growth to strengthen the City's tax base, produce affordable housing and employment opportunities, and provide services to residents.

► **Community Planning Division (CDD) 617-349-4651**

www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/complan
 Provides information and technical assistance on zoning, land use, urban design, demographic and geographic analysis, neighborhood planning, and development and renovation of parks and open space.

► **Economic Development (CDD) 617-349-4637**

www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/econdev/index
 Offers assistance to businesses, works to promote an environment for business growth and helps

maintain thriving commercial districts. Programs include business counseling, façade improvement and retail best practices programs, real estate site search, support for job training, and production of a development log.

► **Environmental & Transportation Planning (CDD) 617-349-4604**

www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/envirotrans
 Provides information and assistance on streetscape improvements, traffic calming, pedestrian/bicycle programs, vehicle trip reduction, climate protection, and preventing childhood lead poisoning.

► **Housing Division (CDD)**

617-349-4622 www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/housing
 Provides information and support for affordable rental housing production, homeownership opportunities, home improvement loans, and education and financial assistance for first time homebuyers.

► **Lead Safe Cambridge (CDD)**

617-349-5323
www.cambridgema.gov/~LeadSafe
 Provides information and support to prevent childhood lead poisoning and financial assistance for deleading.

► **Cambridge Housing Authority**

617-864-3020 www.cambridge-housing.org
 Develops and manages affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. Call for information on public housing or Section 8.

PUBLIC SAFETY

► **Police Department**

Emergency 911
Non-emergency 617-349-3300
www.cambridgopolice.org

CPD uses modern approaches and techniques to decrease crime and improve delivery of services to the community. The department also issues permits to carry firearms. Call the non-emergency line for immediate noise disturbances, including car or house alarms.

► **Police Neighborhood Meetings / Crime Prevention 617-349-3236**

www.cambridgema.gov/~CPD/prevention
 Provides crime prevention tips, neighborhood meetings (scheduled as needed), block parties (and a limited number of funding grants), residential security surveys, rape aggression defense classes, bicycle safety, and school resource officers. A Sergeant is assigned to each neighborhood.

Domestic Violence Community Liaison 617-349-3371

Drug Tip Hotline 617-349-3359

► **North Cambridge Crime Task Force**

617-349-4293 www.ncctf.nhfind.com
 A neighborhood coalition working together to reduce crime.

► **Fire Department (CFD)**

Emergency 911
Non-emergency 617-349-4900 www.cambridgefire.org
 CFD has a Class I rating by the Insurance Services Office, recognizing the highest level of fire protection. Provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, heavy rescue service, hazardous materials response, water and dive rescue services, confined space rescue, etc. Call for smoke detector permits, fire prevention, and safety. The CFD also issues permits for smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.

► **Emergency Communications Department**

Emergency 911 Non-emergency 617-349-3300
www.cambridgema.gov/~ECD
 Operates the City's combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center (ECC), providing a link between residents and public safety agencies in the case of an emergency.

► **Emergency Management Department**

617-349-4842
www.cambridgema.gov/~EM
 Information on preparedness for disasters.

► **Childcare Programs (DHSP)**

617-349-6200

www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/childcare

Licensed pre-school and afterschool childcare programs offer appropriate curriculum, for children 2 years and 9 months to 10 years.

Preschool Programs

East Cambridge Preschool

(Kennedy School) 617-349-4484

Peabody Preschool 617-349-6275

Martin Luther King Preschool
617-349-6270

King Open Preschool 617-349-6261

Morse Preschool 617-349-4485

Haggerty Preschool 617-349-6265

Afterschool Childcare Programs

Peabody Afterschool 617-349-6276

King Afterschool 617-349-6271

Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool
617-349-6296

Morse Afterschool 617-349-6039

King Open Extended Day 617-349-6078

► **Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools 617-349-6200**

www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/cs

Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools offer educational, recreational, and social programs for all ages, including afterschool enrichment classes, school vacation programs, and summer camps.

Agassiz (at Baldwin School) 617-349-6287

Cambridgeport 617-349-6307

Fitzgerald

(at Peabody School) 617-349-6302

Fletcher/Maynard 617-349-6295

Haggerty 617-349-6264

Harrington

(at King Open School) 617-349-6305

Kennedy 617-349-6308

Linnaean

(at Graham & Parks School) 617-349-6267

Longfellow 617-349-6260

Martin Luther King 617-349-6269

Morse 617-349-6291

Tobin 617-349-6300

► **Special Needs Programs**

617-349-6200

Afterschool, weekend and summer recreation programs for children and youth with special needs. Sites for summer programs may vary. All other programs are located at Gately Youth Center, 70R Rindge Ave., Cambridge.

► **Youth Centers 617-349-6200**

www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/youth

Serves youth ages 9 - 19, developing social, recreational, leadership, and intellectual skills at five different youth centers throughout the city.

Programs include employment assistance, homework help, literacy program, life skills workshops, guest speakers, community service projects, drug and alcohol prevention, sport leagues, trips and special events.

Area 4 617-349-6262

Frisoli 617-349-6312

Gately 617-349-6277

Moore 617-349-6273

West Cambridge 617-349-4489

► **Center for Families of North Cambridge**

617-349-6385 70R Rindge Ave

www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/center

Neighborhood-based, school-linked family support program.

► **Kids' Council 617-349-6239**

www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/kids

Advocates for the well-being of children, youth, and families.

► **Summer Food Program 617-349-6252**

Provides nutritious meals to any child under 19 in the summer.

► **Cambridge Family & Children's Services**

617.876.4210 www.helpfamilies.org

Promotes conditions that provide children and adolescents with stable home environments. CFCS secures adoptive and foster families for children of all ages, provides transitional homes for adolescents aging out of state care, offers services to families caring for a developmentally disabled child, and operates a mentor program for at-risk students.

► **Child Care Resource Center, Inc.**

617-547-1063 www.ccrinc.org

Serves parents through referral programs that provide access to child care, literacy and technology. Serves early care and education professionals with workshops, career counseling, and small business startup support.

► **CitySprouts.org 617-491-0258 www.citysprouts.org**

A year-round garden program in Cambridge public schools that partners with teachers to develop outdoor classrooms and garden-based learning.

► **The Guidance Center, Inc.**

617.354-2275 www.guidancecenterinc.org

Provides developmental and mental health services to Cambridge children.



Dance Circle!

Courtesy of Cambridge Arts Council

► **Cambridge Public Schools**

159 Thorndike Street 617-349-6400 www.cpsd.us

School Closings & Events: 617-349-6513

Office of Public Information: 617-349-6516

Cambridge has 12 elementary schools (most of which are K-8), and one comprehensive high school (9-12). The Schools at a Glance booklet and the Family Resource Map of Cambridge are available through the Office of Public Information, the Family Resource Center, and online.

► **School Registration****Cambridge Family Resource Center**

459 Broadway (at the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School)

617-349-6551 www.cpsd.us/frc/CambFamRes.cfm

Kindergarten: children must be 4 years old by March 31, 2005

First Grade: children must be 6 years old by August 31, 2005

The Family Resource Center, open year-round, registers students for school and connects families with local services, including pre-school and afterschool programs. Call schools to arrange tours.

► **School Committee** 617-349-6620 www.cpsd.us

Six members of the board are elected at large, while the Mayor serves as Chair. The committee determines overall School Department policy and budget. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except July and August). They are open to the public and are telecast and rebroadcast on Cable Ch. 95.

► **Public Elementary Schools**

Amigos School (Grades K - 8)
100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6567

Maria L. Baldwin School (Grades K - 8)
28 Sacramento Street 617-349-6525

Cambridgeport School (Grades K - 8)
89 Elm Street 617-349-6587

Fletcher / Maynard Academy (Grades K - 8)
225 Windsor Street 617-349-6588

Graham & Parks Alternative School (Grades K - 8)
44 Linnaean Street 617-349-6577

Haggerty School (Grades K - 6)
110 Cushing Street 617-349-6555

Kennedy / Longfellow School (Grades K - 8)
158 Spring Street 617-349-6841

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School (Grades K - 8)
100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6562

King Open School (Grades K - 8)
850 Cambridge Street 617-349-6540

Morse School (Grades K - 8)
40 Granite Street 617-349-6575

Peabody School (Grades K - 8)
70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-6530

Tobin School (Grades K - 8)
197 Vassal Lane 617-349-6600

► **Public High School****Cambridge Rindge and Latin School**

459 Broadway (Grades 9 - 12)
www.cpsd.us/crls 617-349-6600

Rindge School of Technical Arts

www.rindgetech.com 617-349-7782

High School Extension Program

www.cpsd.us/hsep 617-349-6551

► **Charter Schools****Benjamin Banneker Charter School** (K-8)

21 Notre Dame Avenue 617-497-7771

Prospect Hill Academy (Grades K - 12)

50 Essex Street 617-284-7800

► **Special Education Schools****Castle School**

298 Harvard Street 617-354-5410

Farr Academy

71 Pearl Street 617-492-4922

► **Private Schools****Boston Archdiocesan Choir School**

(Grades 5 - 8, Boys)
29 Mt Auburn Street 617-868-8658

Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School

(Grades PK - 12)
Gerrys Landing Road 617-547-6100

Cambridge Friends School (Grades PK - 8)

5 Cadbury Road 617-354-3880

Cambridge Montessori School

(Toddler - Grade 6)
161 Garden Street 617-492-3410

Ecole Bilingue (Grades PK - 12)

45 Matignon Road 617-499-1451

Fayerweather Street School (Grades PK - 8)

765 Concord Avenue 617-876-4746

German School Boston (Grades PK - 5)

54 Essex Street 617-497-8454

Matignon High School (Grades 9-12)

1 Matignon Road 617-876-1212

North Cambridge Catholic High School

(Grades 9 - 12)
40 Norris Street 617-876-6068

Shady Hill School (Grades PK - 8)

178 Coolidge Hill 617-868-1260

St Peter Elementary School (Grades PK - 8)

96 Concord Avenue 617-547-0101

► **Volunteering****Cambridge School Volunteers**

www.csvinc.org 617-349-6794

► **Hospitals****The Cambridge Hospital**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Mount Auburn Hospital

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-492-3500

Youville Hospital & Rehabilitation Center

1575 Cambridge Street 617-876-4344

► **Cambridge Health Alliance**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-2300

www.challiance.org

Cambridge Health Alliance is an innovative, award-winning healthcare system that provides high quality care in Cambridge and throughout Boston's Metro-North region. It includes three hospitals, more than 20 primary care practices, the Cambridge Public Health Department, and the Network Health plan. Through The Cambridge Hospital, which is a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and its 10 Cambridge-based primary care practices, the Alliance offers comprehensive health services – including 24-hour emergency care, surgery, medical specialties, mental health, and primary care. It accepts most health insurance.

► **Cambridge-Based Facilities of Cambridge Health Alliance:****The Cambridge Hospital**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Riverside Health Center

205 Western Avenue 617-575-5620

Cambridge Birth Center

10 Camelia Avenue 617-665-2229

Windsor Street Health Center

119 Windsor Street 617-665-3600

Cambridge Family Health

237 Hampshire Street 617-575-5550

Senior Health Center

806 Massachusetts Avenue 617-595-5630

East Cambridge Health Center

163 Gore Street 617-665-3000

Cambridge Family Health North

2067 Massachusetts Avenue 617-575-5570

Teen Health CenterCambridge Rindge & Latin
459 Broadway 617-665-1548**North Cambridge Health Center**

266 Rindge Avenue 617-665-3340

► **Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD)**

119 Windsor Street 617-665-3800

www.cambridgepublichealth.org

Responsible for protecting the health of Cambridge residents, workers and visitors. Services include communicable disease prevention and

control, school nursing, indoor air quality inspections, hazardous waste site review, disaster planning, violence prevention, West Nile virus response, childhood asthma prevention, tobacco control, children's dental health, data analysis, health advocacy, and regulatory enforcement (see City Licensing). CPHD is part of the Cambridge Health Alliance.

► **Some CPHD Programs:****Environmental Health Unit**

617-665-3838

Offers air quality investigations to residents, workers and businesses; and addresses concerns about potential toxic exposures. Asthma counseling and home assessments are available to families of children (age 12 or younger) with asthma. Lead poisoning prevention information and home assessments are available to families with children under age 6.

Public Health Nursing

617-665-3800

Implements TB clinics, flu clinics, the newborn home visiting program, vaccine distribution, and health education for individuals and businesses.

Community Health Programs

617-665-3822

Oversees an early literacy initiative, a walking campaign, and dental screenings in the elementary schools. The division also coordinates a citywide domestic violence prevention program.

► **CambridgeSomerville****ResourceGuide.org**www.CambridgeSomerville**ResourceGuide.org 617-349-6966**

An online guide to health and human service resources. Built through the cooperation of Cambridge Health Alliance, the City of Cambridge, the City of Somerville, and The Agenda for Children, the database covers 26 different service areas, such as legal services, family support, employment services, and immigration services.

► **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center**

99 Bishop Allen Drive

617-492-8306 www.barcc.org

The center provides comprehensive sexual assault crisis and prevention services.

► **RESPOND, Inc.**

P.O.Box 555, Somerville MA 02143

617-623-5900 www.respondinc.org

Free domestic violence services, including 24-hr hotline, children's service, and emergency shelter.

PARKS, RECREATION, & CONSERVATION

► **Parks and Forestry Division of Public Works**

617-349-4880

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

Public Works maintains approximately 80 parks, playgrounds and tot lots throughout the city. To download a terrific listing of Cambridge parks and playgrounds, visit: www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/cp/parks/osmap.pdf

► **Recreation Division of DHSP**

617-349-6200

www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/rec

Reserve a field (athletic use) 617-349-6238

Reserve a park (non-athletic) 617-349-4846

The City of Cambridge also maintains basketball courts, tennis courts, softball, soccer and other athletic fields. Call for information on adult softball and basketball leagues, youth and family recreational programs, pools, special needs camps, afterschool programs, and a summer program.

► **Gold Star Pool**

Berkshire & Cambridge Streets

617-349-6310

Open July through August.

► **War Memorial Pool and Fieldhouse**

Rindge & Latin School, 1640 Cambridge St. 617-349-6237

Offers year-round swimming and recreational opportunities.

► **Danehy Park**

99 Sherman Street

617-349-6238

This 55-acre park includes tot lots, water play fountain, picnic areas, soccer and softball fields. Special events include a family and children's concert series, arts & crafts festivals and a kite festival. Permits are required for use of athletic fields.

► **Fresh Pond Reservation**

617-349-4793

327 acres located on the western boundary of Cambridge, bordered by Fresh Pond Parkway, Huron Avenue, and Concord Avenue. Fresh Pond has provided drinking water to the City since 1852.

► **Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Municipal Golf Course**

617-349-6282 www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/rec/golf.html

A nine-hole course located at 691 Huron Avenue.

► **Conservation Commission**

344 Broadway 617-349-4680

www.cambridgema.gov/~CCC

The Commission protects and enhances the City's natural resources through regulatory review, planning, advocacy, and education. Also administers Wetlands Protection Act Permits.

LIBRARIES

► **Libraries 617-349-4040**

www.cambridgema.gov/~CPL

Provides access to books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, reference help, children's and adult programs. To obtain a library card, present two pieces of identification, one of which shows your name and local address. In addition to the Cambridge locations, your library card provides borrowing privileges at member libraries of the Minuteman Library Network. Visit www.mln.lib.ma.us/info/index.htm for a listing of member libraries. Internet services provide free access to the World Wide Web. The internet computer stations can be reserved for one hour appointments.

Main Library

359 Broadway 617-349-4040

Call or check the website to confirm

location and hours. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Branch Locations:

Boudreau, 245 Concord Avenue 617-349-4017

Central Square, 45 Pearl Street 617-349-4010

Collins, 64 Aberdeen Avenue 617-349-4021

O'Neill, 70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-4023

O'Connell, 48 Sixth Street 617-349-4019

Valente, 826 Cambridge Street 617-349-4015

POST OFFICE

► **Post Office 800-275-8777** www.usps.com

Main Branch: Central Square, 770 Massachusetts Avenue

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Branch Offices: Harvard Square, Porter Square, Kendall Square, Inman Square, East Cambridge, and MIT.



**Main Branch,
Cambridge Post Office**

► **Arts & Historical & Tourism Organizations****Cambridge Art Association**617-876-0246 www.cambridgeart.org**Cambridge Arts Council (CAC)**617-349-4380 www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

For street performer permits, artist grants, exhibition opportunities, public art commissions, and cultural events.

Cambridge Artists Coop617-868-4434 www.cambridgeartistscoop.com**Cambridge Historical Commission**617-349-4683 www.cambridgema.gov/~Historic

Administers historic districts and sites, provides technical assistance on historic preservation and maintains a public archive of the City's architectural and social history. Permits are required for renovation/demolition of historic buildings. Financial assistance for rehabilitation is available for eligible low/moderate income homeowners.

Cambridge Historical Society617-547-4252 www.cambridgehistory.org**Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center**617-577-1400 www.cmacusa.org**Cambridge Office for Tourism**617-441-2884 www.cambridge-usa.org

Call for information on dining, entertainment, lodging, shopping, special events, and more.

► **Museums****Arthur M. Sackler Museum, Harvard**617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/sackler**Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard**617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/busch**Fogg Art Museum, Harvard**617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/fogg**Gray Herbarium, Harvard**617-495-2365 www.huh.harvard.edu**Harvard Museum of Natural History**617-495-3045 www.hmn.harvard.edu**Longfellow National Historic Site**617-876-4491 www.nps.gov/long**MIT-List Visual Arts Center**617-253-4680 web.mit.edu/lvac**MIT Museum**617-253-4444 web.mit.edu/museum**Museum of Comparative Zoology**617-495-3045 www.mcz.harvard.edu**Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology**617-496-1027 www.peabody.harvard.edu► **Galleries****Out of the Blue Art Gallery**617-354-5287 www.outoftheblueartgallery.com**Margaret Hutchison Compton Gallery**
617-253-4444**Stebbins Gallery** 617-576-0131**Zeitgeist Gallery**617-876-6060 www.zeitgeist-gallery.org► **Theaters****American Repertory Theatre**617-547-8300 www.amrep.org**Brattle Theatre**617-876-6837 www.brattlefilm.org**Hasty Pudding Theatricals**617-495-5205 www.hastypudding.org/new**Sanders Theatre**617-496-2222 www.fas.harvard.edu/~memhall/sanders.html► **Dance Troupes****Dance Complex**617-547-9363 www.dancecomplex.org**Snappy Dance Theater**617-718-2497 www.snappydance.com**Jam'nastics**617-354-5780 www.jamnastics.org**José Mateo's Ballet Theatre**617-354-7467 www.ballettheatre.org► **Music Venues****Passim Folk Music and Cultural Center**617-492-7679 www.passimcenter.org**Middle East Club**617-864-EAST www.mideastclub.com**Regattabar**617-661-5000 www.regattabarjazz.com**Scullers Jazz Club**617-783-0090 www.scullersjazz.comCelebrating art at
the River Festival

Courtesy of Cambridge Arts Council

► **Public Television**

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Stations

WGBH, Boston

Channel 2

NHPTV (New Hampshire Public Television)

Channel 11

Cambridge Community Television (CCTV)

617-661-6900 www.cctvcambridge.org

Channels 9, 10, and 22

Located in Central Square, CCTV programs three community access cable channels and is a public forum for all Cambridge residents, businesses, and organizations. Featuring the StreetCam of Central Square, and BeLive on channel 9, CCTV also provides diverse community-focused programming.

City TV-8 Cambridge Municipal Television

(Channel 8) 617-349-4296

Provides both original and acquired programming drawn from and relating to the City of Cambridge. All City Council meetings are broadcast live (Monday, 5:30 p.m.) and are repeated throughout the week.

► **National Public Radio (NPR) Stations**

WBUR-FM

90.9

WBUR is broadcast from Boston University, presenting NPR's "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered" and extensive news programming.

WGBH-FM

89.7

A mix of locally produced programming and broadcasts of NPR programs, including "A Prairie Home Companion."

► **Publications**

The Boston Globe

617-929-2000 www.boston.com/globe

The main newspaper for the Boston metro area, The Globe has been published for over 130 years. Since 1995 the Web site, www.boston.com, has been a news destination itself. The Globe has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of The New York Times company since 1993.

The Boston Herald

617-426-3000 www.bostonherald.com

The Herald is a Boston metro-area newspaper that particularly focuses on local news. It is known for its sports section and lifestyle features. The Herald is owned by Herald Media Inc, which also owns the Community Newspaper Company.

Boston Metro

617-210-7905 www.metropoint.com

Boston Metro is part of Metro International, publisher of free city newspapers around the world. The Metro is distributed free in self-serve boxes and by distributors stationed near T stops.

The Cambridge Chronicle

617-577-7149 www.townonline.com/cambridge

A weekly newspaper that covers the news and politics of Cambridge. The Cantabrigia section features a weekly arts calendar, coverage of Cambridge sports and education, a listing of places of worship, and a community calendar filled with happenings on this side of the river. The Chronicle is published by the Community Newspaper Company.

The Cambridge Tab 617-497-1241

www.townonline.com/cambridge

A free weekly covering regional and Cambridge-focused news and events. The Tab is published by the Community Newspaper Company.

STUFF@night

617-536-5390 www.stuffatnight.com

STUFF@night covers nightlife in the Boston metropolitan area, providing features and listings that cover local clubs, restaurants, theaters, and pubs. The free bimonthly magazine is published by the Phoenix Media Group.

Boston Phoenix

617-536-5390

www.bostonphoenix.com

Since its inception in 1966, this free alternative arts-and-entertainment newsweekly has also become known for its news coverage, in addition to its entertainment features and comprehensive listings. The Phoenix is published by the Phoenix Media Group.

The Improper Bostonian

617-859-1400 www.improper.com

A free bimonthly entertainment and lifestyle guide for the city of Boston, providing coverage of local people, places, events, and trends. Published by Improper Publications.

The Boston Parents' Paper

617-522-1515

www.bostonparentspaper.com

A free monthly publication covering issues of interest to parents, including child-rearing advice, health and safety tips, and a family-friendly calendar of events. Published by United Parenting Publications.



► Cambridge is full of wonderful resources that allow its citizens to help one another. Opportunities abound to volunteer or to receive services offered by this sampling of organizations. As you settle in, consider making volunteering part of your regular routine right from the beginning.

American Friends Service Committee

2161 Massachusetts Avenue 617-661-6130 www.afsc.org

Boston Urban Youth Foundation

530 Warren, Boston 617-445-3380

Boy Scouts of America

891 Center Street, Boston 617-723-0007

Bread and Jams Day Shelter

50 Quincy Street 617-441-3831 www.breadandjams.org

Cambridge Camping Association

99 Bishop Richard Allen Drive 617-864-0960

Cambridge Cares About AIDS

17 Sellers Street 617-661-3040 www.ccaa.org

Cambridge Community Center

5 Callender Street 617-547-6811

Cambridge Community Services 99 Bishop Allen Drive

617-876-5214 www.cambridgecommunity.org

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee

11 Inman Street 617-868-2900

Cambridge Family & Children's Service

60 Gore Street 617-876-4210 www.helpfamilies.org

Cambridge Family YMCA

820 Massachusetts Avenue 617-661-9622 www.cambymca.org

Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse

56 Brattle Street 617-864-6688

Cambridge Visiting Nurse Association 186 Alewife Brook

Parkway, Suite 300 617-547-2620 www.vnacarenetwork.org

Centro Presente

54 Essex Street 617-497-9080 www.cpresente.org

Charles River Conservancy

1 Education Street 617-619-2850 www.charlesriverconservancy.org

Child Care Resource Center, Inc.

130 Bishop Allen Drive 617-547-1063 www.cccrcinc.org

Community Dispute Settlement Center

60 Gore Street 617-876-5376 www.communitydispute.org

Community Learning Center 19 Brookline Street

617-349-6363 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm

Concilio Hispano

105 Windsor Street 617-661-9406 www.conciliohispano.com

Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Society

41 Hampshire Street 617-876-5160

Educators for Social Responsibility

23 Garden Street 617-492-1764

www.esrnational.org

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-4793

www.friendsoffreshpond.org

HomeStart, Inc.

678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 502

617-234-5340 www.homestart.org

Just-A-Start Landlord Service

432 Columbia Street 617-494-0444

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers 1046 Cambridge Street

617-864-7600 www.maps-inc.org

Mount Auburn Hospital Volunteer Svcs.

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-499-5016

On the Rise 341 Broadway

617-497-7968 www.ontherise.org

Physicians for Social Responsibility

11 Garden Street 617-497-7440 psr.igc.org

St. James' Episcopal Church Food Pantry and Meal Program

1991 Massachusetts Avenue 617-876-4381

Salvation Army Shelter and Meals Program

402 Massachusetts Avenue 617-547-3400

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services

61 Medford Street, Somerville

617-628-2601 www.eldercare.org

Spare Change 1151 Massachusetts Avenue

617-497-1595 www.homelessempowerment.org

Summerbridge Cambridge

225 Windsor Street 617-349-6647

www.summerbridgecambridge.org

Wellmet Project

675 Massachusetts Avenue 617-491-2377

www.wellmetproject.com

Willis Moore Youth Center

12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273

YouthBuild USA

58 Day Street, Somerville 617-623-9900

www.youthbuild.org

▶ **Cambridge is city full of vitality and flair, and that is never more evident than in our many events. Here is a sampling of some upcoming Cambridge happenings.**

April

Starting Your Own Business 4/21 & 4/28
The Center for Women & Enterprise is offering this class at the YWCA to help launch women entrepreneurs 617-532-0240

Write Now! A Literary Benefit Party 4/28
Celebrating Cambridge Center's literary programs 617-547-6789, x 1

May

Go Green Month Month of May
Promoting "green" transportation choices – events include Bike Week and transportation fairs www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/et/ggm

Cambridge Arts Council Gallery Installation May - June
Contemporary Art installation at the City Hall Annex 617-349-4380

22nd Annual Harvard Square Mayfair 5/1
Featuring over 250 vendors of arts, crafts, jewelry, clothing, and other gifts, plus food and entertainment 617-491-3434

Harvard's Arts First 5/5 - 5/8
Over 200 music, theater, and dance productions 617-547-8676

47 at 47, Passim Folk Music & Cultural Center 5/19 - 5/21
Celebrate Club 47 history on its 47th anniversary www.passimcenter.org

June

Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival 6/12
Brightly colored dragon boats are paddled along the Charles between JFK St. and the Western Ave. Bridge 617-426-6500, x 778

26th Annual Cambridge River Festival 6/18
Annual celebration of the arts, highlighting music, art-making activities, roving performers, food and crafts. 617-349-4380

July

Cambridge Discovery Walks July (date TBA)
Explore historic Cambridge in all its diversity on these neighborhood walks throughout the city 617-349-4683

Summer in the City July - Aug
Free concert series, including dance, song, and puppetry in public spaces sponsored by the Cambridge Arts Council 617-349-4380

City of Cambridge Dance Party July 8*
Dance in the streets in front of City Hall at this Friday night dance party for the entire Cambridge community 617-349-4301

Taste of Cambridge July (date TBA)
Featuring food, beer, and wine samplings from the City's most popular restaurants and breweries www.tasteofcambridge.com

August

Saints Constantine & Helen Grecian Festival 8/19 - 8/21
Greek food, music, and entertainment 617-876-3601

Cambridge Carnival International Aug (date TBA)
Celebration of customs from around the globe, featuring costumes, live music, ethnic foods, and arts and crafts 617-492-2518

* Date was tentative at press time.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DANCE PARTY July 8*

You are invited to the annual Dance Party in front of City Hall. Enjoy dancing in the street as Massachusetts Avenue will be closed to traffic between Inman and Bigelow Streets. Celebrate summer with an evening full of music and friends, dancing to the tunes of DJ Joey Demers. For information, contact Maryellen Carvello at 617-349-4301.

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26TH ANNUAL CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL 6/18

From Noon to 6:00 p.m., this celebration of the arts will take over Memorial Drive and the riverbank. The festival is a community building event, showcasing aspects of the cultural life that makes this area a desirable place to live and work. For more information, call 617-349-4380 or visit www.cambridgeartscouncil.org.



CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY INSTALLATION

May - June

This contemporary art installation by nationally acclaimed Cambridge artist Ellen Driscoll will be on view at the Cambridge Arts Council (CAC).

It honors the contributions made by women to the City of Cambridge and

to the world. Visit the CAC Gallery at the Cambridge City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, or call 617-349-4380.



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